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Dear Charles,

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PM 1422-II - U.S. Serial No. 992,446

Further to my letter of 29th November and its enclosures I now attach additional claims 27 to 39 in which the final claim of the previous set has become claim 34.

You will see that new claims 27 to 33 are process claims but relate principally to the procedure using the apparatus of Figures 14 to 19. In Claim 33 I have introduced a volume limit of 1.5 cu.ft. This is entirely arbitrary and I would value your views as to the appropriate limit having regard to the fact that the new disclosure relating to compacted tobacco concerns a container of 1 cu.ft. capacity (Page 29, lines 17 to 18) or 0.68 cu.ft. (Page 39, lines 15 to 16) or perhaps something a little larger in order to give the figures appearing at page 46 lines 1 to 4. U.S. claims 88 and 90 refer to a value of 4 cu.ft. but this would include the earlier systems using non-compacted tobacco.

The additional claims 35 to 39 are directed to the apparatus.

Looking at the claims in the U.S. case I have not included in the current claims anything corresponding to U.S. claims 66, 71, 74 to 78, 121, 123 to 127 or 130. The reasons for the omission are various. For instance claims 74 to 77 seem to lack specific support in the description while the subsidiary apparatus claims do not seem to be likely to afford any useful protection.

Yours sincerely,



P.A. Smith

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